CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for storing audio-centered information on a unitary storage medium through a Table-of-Contents (TOC) mechanism for therein specifying an actual configuration of various audio items on said medium,

being characterized by assigning in addition to the TOC mechanism, wherein a lowest level TOC file points immediately to the respective contents of said audio items, furthermore assigning a file-based access mechanism to the audio-centered information through a ROOT directory which contains a highest level TOC file which points at various audio items, wherein said ROOT directory through item localizing information provides a further access mechanism in addition to the TOC-based access mechanism.

2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, whilst furthermore providing said highest level TOC file with a one or more of Sub-TOC file directories that each contain their own Sub-TOC file respectively assigned to a uniquely standardized audio format.

3. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the number of sub-TOCs is exactly equal to 2.

4. A method as claimed in Claim 1, whilst providing said ROOT directory with additional lower level directories that each pertain to a respectively standardized audio format, thereby providing said further access mechanism at respective different levels.

5. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said audio formats comprise at least a Stereo format and at least one multi-Channel audio format.

6. A unitary medium produced by practising a method as claimed in Claim 1.

7. A medium as claimed in Claim 5 and executed as an optically readable disc.

8. A reader device for interfacing to a medium as claimed in Claim 5.

9. A device as claimed in Claim 7, and being provided with disc hold means, optical read means and disc drive means for driving a disc track along said optical read means.

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